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No. 20-55770

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

TIMOTHY ROBBINS, et al., Respondents-Appellants,

V.

ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ, et al., Petitioners-Appellees.

On Appeal from the United States District Court, Central District of California No. CV 07-3239-TJH (RNB)

JOINT MOTION FOR 90 DAY EXTENSION TO FILE PETITION FOR PANEL REHEARING OR REHEARING EN BANC

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AVA GUO aguo@sidley.com SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP 1501 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 Telephone: (202) 736-8000 Facsimile: (202) 736-8711 The parties respectfully request that this Court extend the deadline to file the Petition for Panel Rehearing or Rehearing En Banc by 90 days. The Memorandum in this Case was issued on October 19, 2021 (Dkt. 30). The parties previously requested an extension from this Court, which was granted on November 10, 2021 (Dkt. 32). The current due date for the Petition for Rehearing is March 3, 2022. The parties respectfully request that the due date be extended by 90 days to June 1, 2022.

Good cause exists for this request. As previously disclosed to this Court, the parties agreed to mediate this matter under the supervision of a federal magistrate judge. The first formal mediation session is scheduled for April 26, 2022. In the interim, the parties have engaged in extensive discussions over potential paths to settlement, including a Zoom meeting on February 9, 2022, attended by Plaintiffs' counsel, Defendants' counsel, and Defendant agency personnel. Given the important interests at stake and the complexity of the issues for consideration, the parties require additional time to determine whether a settlement can be reached.

A potential settlement may resolve all, or parts, of Petitioners' claims, including to the relief at issue in this appeal. As such, the parties agree that judicial economy would be best served by continuing to engage in settlement negotiations.

For the foregoing reasons, the parties respectfully request that the deadline to file the Petition for Panel Rehearing or Rehearing En Banc be extended by 90

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days. The parties will notify the Court if any additional extensions are warranted because settlement discussions are ongoing.

Respectfully submitted

Dated: March 1, 2022 s/ Michael Kaufman

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